

The English Language Study Center



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English Language Learning for Academic and Professional Advancement

Do you hold a university degree from your home country and need greater English proficiency to practice your profession?

Or are you thinking about pursuing a university degree?

The English Language Study Center (ELSC) at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, offers classes and support services that can help you achieve your academic and professional goals.

Improve your English, improve your opportunities.

The center is a peaceful place to relax, share a cup of tea, play a game of backgammon, meet faculty members, find tutoring help, and even add your picture to our Wall of Fame. We are excited for you to spend time with us.

The ELSC building is located near Penn State Behrend's Health and Wellness Center.

Free Tutoring Extra help in reading and writing is available to all multilingual students at the ELSC and through Penn State Behrend's Learning Resource Center (LRC). We are happy to work with you one-on-one outside of class to help you improve your skills.

Writing Classwork and tutoring will help you write clear, grammatically correct sentences.

Listening and Speaking Classwork and mentoring promote better fluency and pronunciation.

Reading Classwork and support can improve your reading speed and comprehension. These skills also help build your vocabulary.

Culture and Conversation Skills Develop knowledge and strategies that can help you understand and adapt to American culture.

Faculty and Support Services

ELL faculty members at Penn State Behrend are highly qualified professionals who hold advanced degrees in second language acquisition and linguistics. These faculty members have a shared passion for helping their students to learn and achieve.

Penn State Behrend's ELL support programs include:

- an Office of International Students
- BEAM, a peer mentoring program for English language learners
- the Learning Resource Center (for faculty and peer tutoring)
- free online tools for improving English skills
- an Office of Adult Learner Services
- the Office of Community and Workforce Programs
- the John M. Lilley Library

The ELSC is an integral part of the B.A. in English degree's Writing Program within Penn State Behrend's School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

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Course Offerings

For Degree-Seeking Students

The ELSC offers for-credit classes that meet Penn State's General Education requirements:

ENGL 083 Basic Composition and First Year Seminar helps intermediate-level non-native speakers of English to improve their grammar and writing skills in preparation for future American academic writing assignments.

ENGL 015 Rhetoric and Composition for Multilingual Students helps advanced non-native English speakers to develop American academic skills in reading and writing and fulfills Penn State's composition requirement.

AM ST 100 Introduction to American Studies discusses American culture, past and present.

CM LIT 153 International Cultures Film and Literature compares global narrative and artistic techniques.

CM LIT/ENGL 184 The Short Story emphasizes global literature in translation.

ENGL 5 Writing Tutorial is a one-credit course taken concurrently with ENGL 15 and other ELL-Focused classes to provide additional support for writing, reading, grammar and other language issues.

For Nondegree-Seeking Students

The ELSC offers noncredit evening classes in reading, writing, and spoken communication. Contact us to request a schedule.

For Faculty, Advisers, and Community Partners

Behrend's ELSC has an award-winning history of supporting students and educators with effective pedagogical tools and strategies. Our service record in the community is strong, and our dedication to helping English language learners is unparalleled. Let us help you help your students!

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